(No. 3.)

At a general Meeting of the Members of the Library Company of Philadelphia, at their Hall assembled, on the ~~the~~ Evening of Monday the 27th of April, 1795, for the purpose of considering, "whether a petition shall be presented to the Legislature to repeal or alter so much of the Charter as renders one-fourth of the whole number of Members necessary to transact business at their general Meetings, and permits absent Members to vote by proxy," the following named Members attended having the number of Proxies affixed to their Names respectively, to wit, ——

Names of the attending Members	Number of Proxies.	Names of the attending Members	Number of Proxies.
1. Israel Pleasants,		34. Joseph Nourse,	
2. Joseph Bullock, nay		35. Israel Jones,	
3. Richard Hill Morris, nay	20	36. Christopher Marshall,	
4. Peter Kurtz, nay	1	37. John Skyren w	
5. William Roberts, nay		38. James Todd w	
6. Robert Waln, nay		39. ~~Robert Wharton~~	
7. Jonathan Harvey, nay		40. Robert Haydock y	
8. Kearney Wharton, nay	1	41. Edward Garrick y	
9. Jacob Parke, w		42. ~~James Biddle William Garrick~~ w	
10. John Bleakley,		43. Zachary Poulson w	54
11. Benjamin W. Morris, w		44. Benj. R. Morgan w	3
12. Ezekiel Forman, yea		45. Mordecai Lewis w	
13. Joseph Siddons,		46. David Evans w	
14. William James,		47. Elisha Gordon y	
15. Thomas Shoemaker, Ironmonger yea		48. Bartholemew Wistar w	
16. Benjamin Scull,		49. Robert Underwood y	
17. Samuel Wheler, yea		50. Samuel M. Fox w	
18. Joseph Parker Norris, nay		51. Luke Morris w	3
19. Benjamin Hornor, junior nay		52. John Robens y	
20. William Davidson, yea		53. William Garrick y	
21. James Rees, y		54. Jacob Souder,	
22. Jonathan W. Condy, y	1	55. Richard Price,	
23. Richard Wells, w		56. Richard Wistar w	
24. Joseph Hopkinson, y		57. Charles Marshall y	1
25. ~~Charles Marshall~~,		58. 56 Joshua Smith y	
26. Thomas Greeves, w		59. 57 Hugh Roberts w	
27. Richard Chamberlain, w		60. 58 Thos. Fisher w	
28. William Young, w		61. 59 Thomas Armatt w	
29. James Logan, nay		62. 60 Bernard Faries w	
30. Samuel Coates, w	42	63.	
31. John Kaighn, w	1		
32. William Rawle w			
33. James Pearson, y			
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Charles Marshall was ~~Unanimously~~ chosen Chairman

The following Resolution was moved by Mr Rees & seconded by Mr Davidson

Resolved

That the Directors apply by petition to the next session of the Legislature for an act to alter that part of the Charter of the Library Company of Philadelphia which grants an unlimited use of proxies so as that no member shall be entitled to more than Votes

and on taking the year and nays it appeared that there were 19 yeas & 153 nays

nays
32 attending members
121 proxies
153

yeas
17 attending members
2 proxies
19

a number of members having withdrawn

The following Resolution was also moved by Mr Rees and seconded by Mr Davidson

Resolved That the directors apply by petition to the next session of the Legislature for a repeal of so much of the Charter of the Library Company of Philad^a as constitutes one fourth of the members ~~there~~ of the Company a quorum to make Laws &. and to establish by Law that in future a quorum shall consist of Members

which was also determined in the negative

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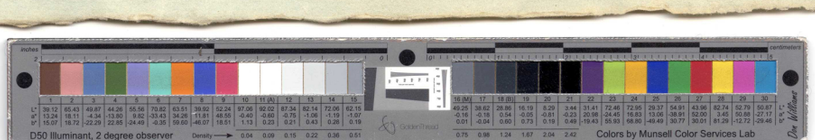
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(No. 6.) 1795.—

Proceedings of a General Meeting of the Members of the Company, assembled on the 27th of April, 1795, for the purpose of considering of the propriety of abolishing Proxies, &c. —

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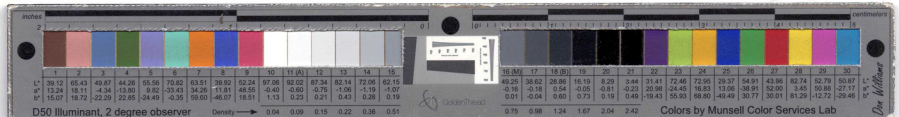
I hereby depute John Knight as my Proxy to Vote for me in favour of the Members of the Library Company in Jaying the Right they now possess of Voting by Proxy. Which Question is proposed to be discussed this Evening at the Library. Phila.a 27 April 1795

Isaac Norris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April 27th 1795

Resolved That the Directors apply by ~~this~~ Petition, to the next Session of the Legislator, for an act to alter that part of the Charter of the Library Company of Philadelphia, which grants an unlimited use of Proxies, so as that no member shall be entitled to more than Vote

19 yeas
13. nays

Moved by Mr. Rees
seconded by Mr Davdon

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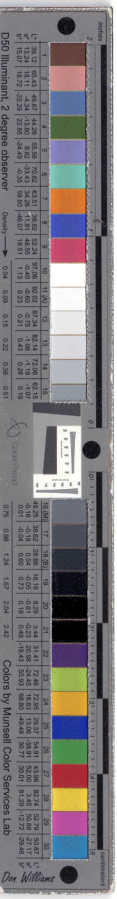
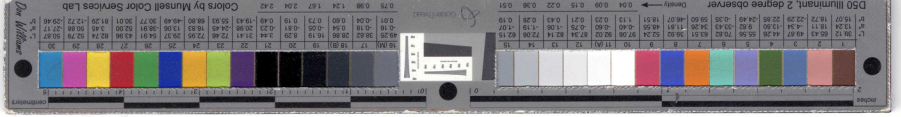


I having made a Donation of my Share in the Library to my Son Charles Marshall I therefore appoint him to vote in my Stead untill a Transfer of said Share is made & approved by the Directors

Philad.a April 27.th 1795 Christopher Marshall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I hereby authorize Kearny Wharton to
vote for me on any Question relating to
the Library of Philadelphia —
April 27. 1795 James Wood

James Morris
Proxy.

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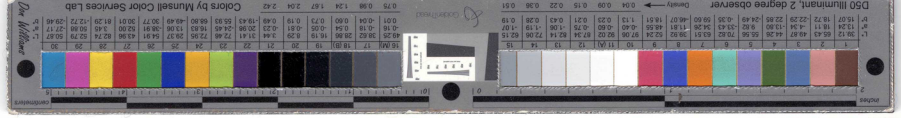
We the Subscribers, Members of the Library Company of Philadelphia, being desireous of preserving our full Rights as they now exist do hereby empower & request Richard Hill Morris to vote in our Names against any Measure which shall tend to destroy or abrige our Right of granting Proxies to whom we please and generally to vote on any Question which may legally come before the Meeting to be held on the 27 of April 1795

Richard Wells

John Nixon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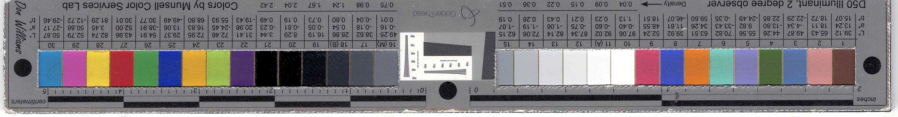
I Benjamin Condy of the City of Philadelphia, do hereby authorize, and empower Jonathan Williams Condy Esquire to vote for me and in my name on all and every such question or Questions as shall be taken or decided upon, at a Meeting of the Library Company of Philadelphia to be held at their Hall on Monday the twenty seventh day of ~~April~~ this Instant — As Witness my Hand and Seal this Twenty Sixth day of April MDCCCCV —

Sealed and delivered in the Presence of
Condy Raguet

Benj. a Condy (Seal)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Philadelph. 27th April 1795

We do hereby authorize Benjamin Morgan Esq.
to Vote on our behalf at the meeting of the Lebanon
Company intended to be held this Evening for the
purpose of considering the propriety of Petitioning
the Legislature to repeal or Alter so much of the
Charter as renders one fourth of the whole number of
the Members necessary to transact business at their
General Meetings, & permits absent Members to vote by
Proxy —

Thomas Clark

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Philadelp.a 27th April 1795

Being informed a meeting of the Library Company is proposed to be held this Evening for the purpose of presenting a Petition to the Legislature to repeal or alter so much of the Charter as renders one fourth of the whole number of the members necessary to transact business at their general meetings, & permits absent Members to Vote by Proxy — we do hereby authorize & request Benjamin Morgan Esq.r to Vote on our behalf against the proposed alteration

Abby Hamilton Exx.
of A. Hamilton Estate

Williamina Bond Admx.
& P. Bond of Dr. P. Bond's Estate

474

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4
680

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4
276
169
125
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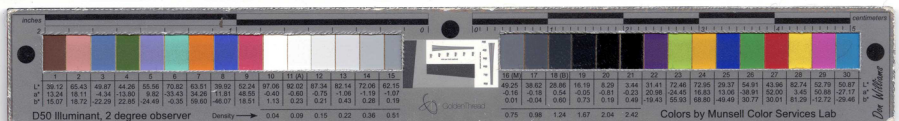
City Library Room Apr. 27. 1795
past 6 o Clock P.M.

I do hereby authorize Peter Kurtz to Vote in my behalf at the Election this evening so that proxies in future be either entirely abolished or limited to the Number of two.

And that Laws in future made should be agreed on by a Majority of Members met for the occasion, provided the Number met be not less than Seventy

A. Willegas

To the persons who are to be appointed to receive the Votes this evening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Jon Williams

Phila.a April. 1795

To Luke W Morris

We observe an advertizement in the News Paper of which the following is an Extract viz Library Company of Phila.a "In pursuance of an application for that purpose made by them by "a number of the Members of the Company the Directors request a general "meeting of the said Members at their Hall on the Evening of Monday "4.th 27.th Inst. at 6 o'clock for the purpose of Considering whether a petition "shall be presented to the Legislature to repeal or alter as much of "the Charter as renders one Fourth of the whole number of the Members "necessary to transact busines at their General Meetings and permit "absent Members to Vote by proxy"

The above advertizement we have read and considered & disapprove of any alteration that may be proposed to be made in the Charter, that will admit of a less number than one Fourth of the whole number of the Members necessary to transact busines at their General Meetings We also disapprove of any alteration that may destroy, or in the least abridge the right of absent Members to vote by proxy, as they have hitherto been accustomed to do

We do therefore Authorize thee to appear in our name for us, if we are not present at the said Meeting and to Vote for such of us expressly against any such alteration as in the said advertizement is proposed Contrary to our wishes & what we believe to be against the Interest of that Institution, which we desire to promote

Godfrey Twells

Caspar Wistar Junr

Catharine Wistar Junr

Richard Wistar

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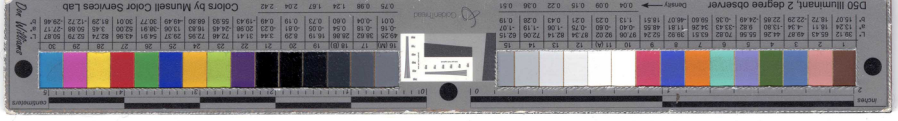
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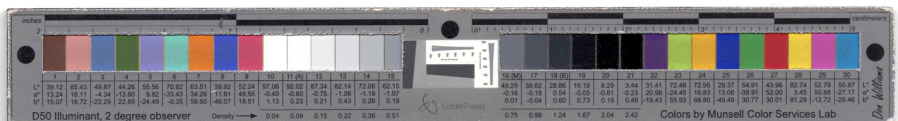
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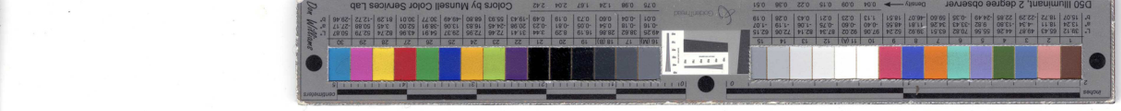
Mr Lackawick Poulson

Dr Sir

I am fearful I shall not be able to attend the ~~Library~~ Meeting of the Library Company this Evening but as you know my Sentiments on the Subject of Proxies, & I do not wish to lose the opportunity of voting thereon — I request when the Question is taken you will vote for me in the same manner as you know I would do if I were present I am not, you will recollect, for abolishing ~~the~~ Proxies entirely but wish only to restrain or limit the Right — as to the other matter respecting the number necessary to transact Business I am not fully decided & therefore decline voting on that Question yours &

27th April 1795 Walter Franklin

Mr L. Poulson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We do hereby empower Rich'd Wells Morris to vote for us upon any question which shall be taken at a general meeting of the Library Company of Philadelphia respecting the Propriety of altering or repealing so much of the Charter, as renders one fourth of the whole "number of members necessary to transact business at their general "meetings, & permits absent members to vote by Proxy, and do to direct him to oppose any ~~such~~ measure, which will have a tendancy to impair the general Interests of the Institution. in his opinion.

Philadelphia April 23. 1795

Job Bacon

Sam. W. Fisher

Gid Hill Wells

Moses Bartram

Henry Drinker

Adam Kantzinger

Daniel Wister

Will.m Wister

Geo. Aston

~~Jacob Lewis~~ proxy

~~Isaac~~ Pearson

Samuel Wetherill Jr.

Thomas Moore

Jacob Downing

Nicholas Waln

~~Nicholas Waln~~

~~Jacob Shoemaker~~

Sam Emlen

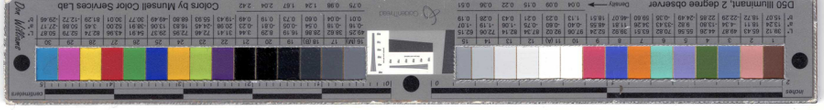
Thomas Clifford

John Clifford for my Daughter Rebecca

Samuel Sansom

Daniel Trotter

Isaac Bartram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The Subscribers, Members of the Library Company of Philadelphia, believing that it would be improper and dangerous to alter that part of the Charter of the Company which requires one=fourth of the whole number of Members "to make, constitute and establish Laws, Statutes, Orders and Constitutions," and which allows those Members who cannot attend in person, the right of voting "by proxy duly constituted in writing," do hereby authorize Zachariah Poulson, junr. to vote, on our behalf, against such Questions as may be proposed for the purpose of effecting such alteration of the Charter, at the enfuing general Meeting of the Members of the said Company. Witness our Hands, this fixth Day of April, 1795.

Josiah Hewes

Isrel Wheelen

Jn Vaughan

Walter Stewart

Robert Wharton

James Robertson

John B. Evans

Elliston Perot

John Perot

Job Butcher

William Frombergu

Geo Roberts

Catharine Roberts

Joseph L. Miller

John Wharton

John Dunlap

Jos Thomas

Jn°. Morton

Rob Mabon

Thomas Wood

Geo Latimer

Jacob Morgan

Jno Nancarrow

Jos: Dungworth jnr.

Rob. Preston

Robt. Patton

Charles Ferrers

Hugh Ely

Hugh Roberts

Jos: Corkshanks

Wm Mackenzie.

Anthony Morris

~~James~~ Logan

I. DORSEY

Jas Smith jr.

John Evans

John Evans for
Tho. Affleck estate
as executor

John F. Mifflin

John Ormrod

Wm Moody

Sam[l] Morris

John Biddle

Caleb Carmalt

Aaron Levi

Eliza Allen

~~Rebecca Lieary~~

Abraham Carlile

John Hebb.

Benedict Dorsey

Isaac C. Jones

Andrew Douglass

John Guest.

William Lane

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Nath[l] Richardson

James Read

Edward Shewmaker

John Steuart

"

I hereby authorize Zachariah Poulson, jun[r] to vote on my behalf at the ensuing general Meeting of the Members of the Library Company of Philadelphia, on such questions as may then be proposed—

March 26, 1795.

Wm Bamwell

Zechariah
my behalf
Meeting
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Proxies received at the
General Meeting held
the 27th of April, 1795.
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To Samuel Coates   Philad April   1795.

We observe an Advertisement in the News Paper, of which the following is an Extract ~ Library Company of Philadelphia —

"In pursuance of an Application for that purpose made to them by a
"number of the Members of the Company, The Directors
"request a general Meeting of the said Members.

"At their Hall on the Evening of Monday the 27th Instant, at 6 o'clock for the pur-
"pose of considering, Whether a petition shall be presented to the Legislature
"to repeal or alter so much of the Charter, as renders One fourth of the whole
"Number of the Members Necessary to transact business at their general
"Meetings, and permits absent Members to Vote by proxy" —

The above Advertisement We have read and Considered, and disapprove of any Alteration, that may be proposed to be made in the Charter that will admit of a less Number than One fourth of the whole number of the Members Necessary to transact business at their general Meetings We Also disapprove of Any Alteration that may destroy, or in the least abridge the right of Absent Members to vote by Proxy, as they have hitherto been accustomed to do — We do therefore Authorise thee to appear in our Name for us, if we are not present, at the said Meeting, and to vote for each of us expressly against any such alteration as in the said Advertisement, is proposed, Contrary to our Wishes, and what we believe to be against the Interest of that Institution, which We desi[re] to promote

~~Benj W. Morris~~
~~Wm Morris~~
Peter Reeve
Richard Jones
James Cresson
Joseph Hensey
Samuel Cooper
Samuel Clark
~~Thomas Greeves~~
Josiah L. Coates
Thos Morris

Joseph Morris
Isaac Wharton
Thos Fitzsimons
Pattison Hartshorne
Ebenezer Large
Benj Horner
~~Benj Horner Junr~~
Ellis Yarnall
Richd Hopkins
John Redman
Willm Chancellor

Chas Jervis
Sharp Delany
Nath Falconer
Rd Rundle
Miers Fisher
Arthur Howell
James Wills
Jesse Waln
Levi Hollingsworth
~~David Evans~~

Reynold Keen

Jas Wardr

Thomas Morgan

Wm Buckley

David Lewis

Sarah Pasteall

George Markley

Joshua Howell

Thomas Norton

William Polwell

Joseph Richardson

Abijah Dawes

Leonard Dorsey

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